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No 19

Righteousness Exalteth a Nation but Sin is a Reproach to any People.

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In the District Court of Jaffna.

Testamentary Jurisdiction No. 1291.

In the Matter of the Estate of the late Tillainatur Chittampalam of Araly North Deceased.
Chittampalam Thambiah of Araly North Petitioner.
Tillainatur Vytialingam of Araly North Respondents.
This matter of the Petition of Chittampalam Thambiah of Araly North praying for Letters of Administration to the estate of the above-named deceased Tillainatur Chittampalam of Araly North coming on for disposal before W. R. B. Sanders Esquire, District Judge, on the 21st day of August 1902 in the presence of Mr. Thambiah, S. Cooke, Proctor on the part of the Petitioner and affidavit of the Petitioner dated the 20th day of August 1902 having been read, it is declared that the Petitioner is the son and one of the heirs of the said intestate and is entitled to have Letters of Administration to the estate of the said intestate issued to him unless the Respondent or any other person shall on or, before the 30th day of September 1902 show sufficient cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

Signed this 21st day of Aug. 1902.

W. R. B. SANDERS,
District Judge.

Local and General.

Weather. Strange weather for September! For ten days the wind has been blowing hard—sometimes almost a gale. We have had good showers and farmers are busy ploughing their fields and sowing the grain. The wind and the showers are making the hot month of September comparatively cool.

Our Governor. H. E. Sir West Ridgeway is expected to leave England for Ceylon on the 18th inst.

Jaffna College. The new term commences on Monday the 15th and the annual Prize distribution will be held on Friday the 19th inst. Mr. Elmer's successor Rev. John Bicknell, B.A., D.D., arrived by the last steamer. He is a graduate of Yale University and of the Divinity School as well, and comes out well fitted to take up work as a professor in the College. We most heartily welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bicknell to Jaffna and wish them a happy and prosperous sojourn in our peninsula.
The American Mission is proposing to take up a few students in theology in connection with the College.

Those wishing to join should apply to the Principal of Jaffna College.

A Jaffnese for Edinburg. Dr. Appadurai Joshua of Udulvil, at present a planter at Hattion, has left by S. S. "Victoria" for Edinburg with the object of obtaining British qualifications in medicine. He is the nephew of Mr. T. M. Tampoe the popular Police Magistrate of Jaffna. We wish him all success. **Com.**

Rowdism. A few of the "baser sort" in Cooypa and vicinity have been destroying property by fire, but it would be unfair to charge the Hindu community in general with lawlessness committed by a few rowdies. The proper authorities have the matter in hand, and the criminals will sooner or later be detected and punished.

Railway. A construction train has crossed Elephant Pass and before long we may have regular trains running from Kangesanturai to Elephant Pass. We hear that commendable progress is being made south of Anuradhapura and the prospects for opening the line through from Jaffna to Colombo at an early date are more encouraging. Mr. J. Crechely the Locomotive Foreman at Kangesanturai has left for England, owing to a break down in health.

Optical Entertainment. A grand optical entertainment will be given in the Central College Hall Jaffna on Tuesday the 16th inst. A lecture will be delivered by Rev. W. T. Garrett B. A. on "A trip to modern Babylon and a glance at Oxford" which will be profusely illustrated by "sciotipon" views. Tickets are one and two rupees according to the location, and the exercises will commence at 8.15 p.m. It ought to be well worth attending, and we hope a large number will avail themselves of this opportunity. The proceeds are to go for the new college buildings.

Mr. R. Judd. will return to Jaffna in his capacity as Deputy Fiscal and Supt. of Police and Mr. Bowes will return to Galle. **Com.**

The Auditor General arrived at Jaffna on the 7th inst by steamer, on inspection duty.

Professor P. Bosukovski. A Russian "Conjuror and Bewilderer" assisted by his wife and daughter are at present at Jaffna giving performances at several places. **Com.**

Chief Surveyor. Mr. W. C. S. Ingles arrived at Jaffna on Sunday last as Chief Surveyor Northern Province.

Provincial Engineer. Mr. J. McDonald arrived last Sunday and assumed duties as Provincial Engineer at Jaffna.

Criminal. The past fortnight has an alarming state of affairs to record concerning the criminal population in Jaffna. The cigar boys appear to be daily growing in criminality. In the afternoon of the 5th inst a riot of a daring description was committed in front of the house of Mr. V. Changanapillai a cigar trader. The cigar boys who work under him appear to have assisted a gang of rowdies, who came to the spot on purpose from Kocklevu to pay off a grudge against another set of rowdies who are a terror to the public, living near about the Grand bazaar. The Grand bazaar folks fared worse in the fight. One had his fore-arm cut off, another his ear cut off and a third several teeth knocked out. The injured in the fight are treated in the F. N. S. Hospital. Knives and swords were quite freely used at the fight and at the time was there much confusion at the Grand bazaar the scene of the row being hard by.

On the 2nd inst, which was the "Theertam" festival at the Kandachami temple at Nallore, a similar disturbance took place between another faction of rowdies. This however did not result seriously. **Com.**

Jaffna Railway. The Section between Chavagacheri and Pallai is ready for traffic, and it is believed that Mr. Oliver, the Chief Resident Engineer will be present for the opening ceremony on the 15th inst. The Station Master at Kangesanturai, and Chinnagum will be replaced by booking clerks, as the Department finds it unnecessary to have Station Masters in those two stations. At Navatkuli station a police man alone will be stationed.

The "S.S. Claverlee" is expected to arrive at Kangesanturai from England, with a large consignment of railway materials on or about the 21st inst. **Com.**

Jaffna Commercial Corporation. The annual meeting of the shareholders was held on the 30th ultimo, in the Registered office of the company. The meeting was well attended; a large majority of shareholders was represented by Proxies. Directors for the new year were appointed and the work of the past year was fully talked over. The past year had a considerable fall in the cloth business of the company, and the dividend declared was 5% only. The annual prequisite to the officers and other offerings out of the profits were given up and the whole of the profit was applied for the dividend and reserve fund. **Com.**

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THE CONVENTION.

About the middle of October a convention is to be held in Jaffna town under the leadership of Mr. Geo. S. Eddy, of the Y. M. C. A. Madras. He will be assisted by one or two Tamil workers from India and possibly by an European as well. The object is for the deepening of spiritual life, and it has been requested that very earnest prayers be made for a special blessing from God at that time.

Christianity has come to stay in Jaffna and no power on earth can drive it out. But Christianity is not making the rapid progress it should make, and it behoves every child of God to examine his or her life carefully to see what it is that keeps back the life of power. Is it not the fact that we are too worldly minded? And more than this that we do not earnestly wish to be otherwise. As Christians we are not a separate people. We mingle with those who reject Christ as Saviour and are not willing to forfeit their friendship even when we know it is doing us harm. So in process of time we grow cold and indifferent and less sensitive to sin. The open violation of God's laws does not shock us and we are not grieved at the lost condition of our neighbours. Rather than seem peculiar we yield to the prejudices of others. Rather than call a low caste man our brother and treat him as such, we rant about the existence of social or national custom, about racial differences &c. &c. Why is it that we thus deliberately deceive ourselves? Why do we in our pride, refuse to follow in the footsteps of the lowly Nazarene? Is it not because we fail to realize what Christianity really means? Our proud, sinful natures get the ascendancy and we are ashamed to be seen associating with the lowly and outcaste. We love our ease and pleasures, and cannot give them up for a life of self sacrifice and whole hearted consecration to the service of Christ.

There is only one remedy for such a deplorable state of mind, and that is to get back to Christ and remain close at His side. It is folly to say we cannot possibly follow in his footsteps. He has bid us follow Him and he would not bid this impossible. We can follow Him—we can be like Him. Will we follow? Can we give up friends and influence and worldly position, if need be, for the sake of conforming our lives to His? It is not that we cannot; but that we will not.

Let us then candidly, frankly, honestly look at our own lives and refuse to be self deceived any longer. Let the world go; let riches, power and influence be relegated to the back ground; so that we may have a clearer vision of the Master and of the path he asks us to tread. Putting ourselves right before God is the first step towards a life of spiritual power. Let all who profess to be Christian pray earnestly and nightly to God for a blessing on Jaffna, and as we pray confessing our sins and presenting our supplications before the Lord, the answer will be given. We ourselves will receive a blessing and others through us will be drawn to God.

PUBLIC INSTRUCTION.

Expansion with Efficiency.

We quote again from the report of the Director of Public Instruction in reply to the question "Does the Colony spend as much upon education as it ought to?"

If education is really doing this for the country, then surely there can be no doubt that the country is getting a good return for such money as it spends. But when we ask whether it should spend more, and whether it spends as much as other countries, we must further inquire, what is a proper expenditure on education, and are there any other countries whose circumstances are so similar to our own as to form a trustworthy analogy? We do not even know what is the annual total spent upon education in Ceylon. In India this can be ascertained fairly well because the Indian Government demands details from the various Missionary and private bodies engaged in education, which we have never asked for; therefore, though we know what Government spends, we do not know what additional sum is spent by the various Missionary bodies. The present financial facts may be put briefly as follows—Out of a population of 3,565,954, we may say that about 856,310 are of school-going age. Of these, 218,479 go to school. Government directly pays for 503 schools, which contain 53,834 scholars. It gives a grant of Rs.461,206.32, which enables Missionary and other bodies to keep going 1,407 schools, with 129,427 scholars. (As to the cost of the 2,062 private schools, with their 35,818 scholars we have no knowledge.)

The total net expenditure on education during the current year represents about 3.33 per cent. of the total revenue

of the Colony. The average cost of each child directly educated by Government is Rs. 5.45 per annum, while Government pays Rs. 3.48 per annum towards the average cost of each child in Aided Schools. Whether this present rate of expenditure is sufficient must of course be a matter for Government to decide. It would seem that we are face to face with a choice between two policies, either expansion with a considerably increased expenditure, or curtailment of expenditure to ensure efficiency; for if an aid there can be no doubt that a very considerable number of our existing schools are at the present moment inefficient. Still less doubt is there that there is a very large room for expansion. The position of affairs in Colombo was alluded to in the last report and in country parts, though some districts are reasonably well supplied with schools, others certainly are not. Calicut, for instance, is crying out for more. A manner which I visited for the first time this year, is very badly off. Uva is perhaps the worst of all. Supposing it be decided that a policy of expansion is alone worthy of a progressive and prosperous Colony, it lies beyond my province to suggest how the additional funds are to be raised. But there is the more need for the question to be raised, because we shall have before long to consider the question of substituting Government schools for schools run by private associations or individuals, which have had a fair chance, but have not succeeded.

To conclude, then, the watchword of our educational policy should, in my opinion, be *expansion with efficiency*. Elementary rural education should be the chief concern of Government, higher urban and English education of private and Municipal enterprise. It may be early yet for compulsory education, but the chance of elementary education should be placed within the reach of every one. It is the present policy of Government to retire invariably before private effort, but I gave reasons in my report last year why the mere existence of an aided school without a conscience clause by no means necessarily places education within reach of all the neighbourhood. During the last ten years we have only been able to open new schools at the rate of five a year.

What the Director means by his remark "substituting government schools for schools run by private associations or individuals is not quite clear, but his main point cannot be misunderstood. He believes in increasing the efficiency of our schools and that after all is what we all desire. As for a "conscience clause" this practically exists in many mission schools where care is taken not to give the impression that the Christian religion is being forced upon the pupils. This will be readily admitted by intelligent Hindus who know something of the working of mission schools and in fact may have received their primary education in such schools.

The Director is right when he says that the business of the Government is to look after primary education leaving it to private individuals and municipalities to furnish higher education, but the question naturally arises why does not the Department practice what it preaches. The report is of great value and interesting reading but we have not space for further extracts. It is a good thing for the Colony that it has a Director of Public Instruction who is alive to the situation and ready to suggest and carry out reforms in this most important branch of the Government service.

We question however the wisdom of introducing too drastic measures. The east is slow to make changes, and it should be borne in mind also that what is adapted to England may be quite unsuited for Ceylon. The criticism has been made in several quarters that our energetic Director is following too closely educational methods in vogue in England. This may tend to retard the progress of true education, and great care should therefore be taken to so adapt western methods to the east that there will be real advancement.

We commend the study of this voluminous report to all interested in education.

C. M. S. NEWS.

(Communicated.)

The 19th annual meeting of the C. M. S. Native Missionary Association was held at Nellore on Wednesday the 27th ultimo. Sir W. C. Twynan presided on the occasion. There was a good attendance. Mrs. Hanan presided at the Harmonium. Revs. Williams and Champion read a portion of scripture and offered prayer respectively. An interesting report was read by the secretary Revd. S. Morse, but the financial state of the association was discouraging, the income for the latter half year having fallen much. Four conversions were reported, three being at Oodoturai, the chief station where the work of the association has prospered. Three readers and two schoolmasters are working under the association. The income of the past year was Rs. 1496.83 and the expenditure Rs. 1443.24. Balance in hand Rs. 57.12. Impressive and interesting addresses were made

by the Revds. J. C. Pickford and G. Daniel and Messrs. Lee, Chinnappah, Daniel and Elayambay. The speech by Sir William in English which was interpreted by Revd. S. Morse was very touching and stirring, as he endeavoured to bring home to the minds of the hearers that it was their duty to spread the Gospel in the Wanneey. In the course of his speech he made a touching reference to the late Mr. Thos. Fry.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:—

President	Revd. W. J. Hanan
Treasurer	do
Secretaries	Revd. S. Morse and Mr. S. T. Chinnappah
Auditors	Revd. C. C. Handy and Mr. S. T. Tampapilly

These officers and 15 delegates from the various churches form the working committee.

—The Revd. J. I. Pickford has been relieved by the Revd. W. J. Hanan, our new Missionary. Mr. Pickford during his short stay among us has done good work by supervising the Boarding School in the absence of a lady, and some buildings. After the arrival of Mr. Hanan, he had to stay for some little time to initiate the new missionary into his work as Mr. Pickford's knowledge of the "character and capabilities of the Jaffna Tamils" is well known in Colombo as stated in the "Gleaner" sometime back. He is leaving for Colombo with our good wishes on Tuesday next. We trust the new Missionary will help the Pastors in building up the native church towards self-support and self-government. No missionary who disregards this important duty would be successful in Jaffna and win the love and esteem of the Christian community.

—The Revd. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have returned with good health and spirit and have commenced their work in right earnest. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson like Mr. and Mrs. Horsley are in touch with the Tamil workers and are therefore very successful.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Morning Star.

Sir,

I have read with some interest the long letter of your correspondent on the relation of the missionary and the Tamil worker. His suggestions are good, save one of which I will speak presently, but so far as I have had experience, it has been the continued object of the missionaries to carry them out.

Object however to No. 13, which says that the "caste system" must not be rashly interfered with. To me that sounds like this—

"You must admit me as a brother," says he.

"Certainly," say we, "come on. And of course you will allow us to admit the low caste man on the same terms. And you yourself will also admit him."

"Oh no," says he. "That is another matter. If he comes we stay away."

Now I have little sympathy with any assumption of racial superiority, though there are actual differences of custom and feeling which must be considered by both sides. To us however, caste differences are purely imaginary, and I shall be glad if your correspondent will tell us why we should treat the high caste man as a brother and yet refuse to admit the low caste. Yet I have known in my own experience a man of good caste refuse to meet the missionary socially because a low caste man had had a similar invitation. If I am to look on others as brothers it shall be without any preference. "Whatever I have claimed for myself I will claim carefully for others on the same terms."

Yours truly,

Trincomalee, 3. 9. 02. G. B. ROBSON.

NOTES.

—A trial was recently made in Austria in decide in how short a space of time living trees could be converted into news papers. At a certain town at 7.35 in the morning, three trees were sawn down; at 9.34 the wood, having been stripped of bark, cut up, converted into pulp, became paper and passed from the factory to the press, whence the first printed and folded copy was issued at ten o'clock. So that in 145 minutes the trees had become newspapers.

—Thirty years ago the Scriptures were printed secretly in Japan, and copies were sent out in the dark. Those who printed them did so at the risk of their lives. Now there is a publishing company in Yokohama which prints the Bible not only in Japanese, but in Chinese, Tibetan, and Co. &c.

—There is a quicksilver mine in Peru 170 fathoms in circumference and 450 feet deep. In this profound abyss are streets squares and a chapel where religious worship is held. The total number of Government and private cables in the world is now 1624 covering a length in nautical miles of 187,353.172.

The Wesleyan Methodists of great Britain have purchased a magnificent site in London near Westminster Abbey on which they will erect a great hall as the Headquarters of Universal Methodism the land costs Rs.4,930,000. It was paid out of the fund of a million guineas raised as the Twentieth Century Fund.

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